

I don't support every provision in it. I'd do it a lot simpler, maybe a little tighter. I really would, but I can't do that if the bill isn't a viable instrument. Just like Senator Pirsch and some of the others that have some ideas on things they'd like to see, they can't do it if the bill isn't alive. Killing the bill or not advancing it doesn't address the issue, does it? It will come back next year. Machines will proliferate. In fact it will be taken as a signal that we don't intend to have a legal system, therefore, operate in the gray area. What I would ask you to do today is simply advance the bill. And I know there are a number of you voted to kill, but I would say, some of you that voted to kill, give this a thought. Advance it today and, yeah, it probably doesn't have time between now and January to go anywhere, but at least it's a signal that the Legislature is going to deal with the issue and we may ultimately deal with the issue. We may ultimately deal with it in a far different fashion than 144 does. Let us not though be so foolish as to believe that by killing this bill we've stopped video lottery. There has been a magnificent proliferation of video lottery which is nothing more than some technology of, instead of ripping off cards, you have an electronic machine and a television, that's all it is. But by killing the bill or not advancing it you're not dealing with the issue, we're kind of ducking it in a way. I'd ask you to at least consider advancing it without any commitment on anybody's part that that's the bill they want or that's the format they want. And as I say, I know a number of you voted to kill it. Give it a shot here today and see if maybe we don't get some adequate discussion and some cooperation with some other elements of government to at least work on the whole system of how you handle video lottery because you aren't stopping it simply by saying it doesn't exist. It exists.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is...a roll call vote has been asked for in reverse order and the question is, shall the bill be advanced? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken as found on page 2323 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: The call is raised.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.